

THE MEANING OF FLAG DAY An Editorial

Every June 14th we celebrate Flag Day to commemorate the passing of a historic resolution. What and when was this made?

On June 14, 1777, Congress passed a resolution which read: "Resolved—that the Flag of the United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the Union be thirteen stars, white on a blue field, representing a new constellation."

The first public announcement of June 14 as Flag Day was made in 1877, when Congress officially named the day as a national holiday to celebrate the 100th anniversary of this resolution.

Since that time, interest in Flag Day has risen and fallen along with public attitude towards National Patriotism in almost regular cycles.

Whenever a National crisis seemed imminent, orators and statesmen would beat on the drum; military men would rattle sabers and the sparks of Patriotism would be fanned into a new fire and new interest in the Flag of our Country.

Thus it was in 1915 when Woodrow Wilson made this statement upon the re-establishment of National Flag Day on June 14th: "Many circumstances have recently conspired to turn our thoughts to a critical examination of the conditions of our national life, of the influences which have seemed to threaten to divide us in interest and sympathy, of forces within and forces without that seemed likely to draw us away from the happy traditions of united purposes and action of which we have been so proud." Two years later—under the same President we were embroiled in World War I.

Roughly 25 years after this statement was made, another President in a re-election campaign said: "I hate war, Eleanor hates war" etc., ending with a promise something like this—"Mothers, I promise you—If I am re-elected—your sons will never set foot on foreign soil." Then of course this fireside chat was closed with a prayer. A short time later we were in World War II and many of us toured Europe and many other foreign countries on foot to the tune of burp gun and machine gun fire.

Today, although our Flag has grown from its original 13 stars to the present 50, the need for every home in America to fly the Flag on Flag Day grows with each passing year to keep alive our spirit of Patriotism.

Recently, on Memorial Day, our Community paid tribute to our war dead with all the dignity befitting the occasion.

However, if you drove around, how many flags did you see displayed or flying? What has happened to the fine old custom of "Showing the Flag"—not only in front of, or from the roofs of public and business buildings, but from the porches of private homes as well.

In "Yesteryears", on Holidays and festive occasions, red-white-and-blue bunting was used as a decoration—but how many of us have seen this in the past few years?

There was a sense of pride in our country behind all this. The flag was thought of as a symbol of many things—of a free people, of a world power, of a land of opportunity, whatever the faults and ills might be, of the rights and obligations of both the individual citizen as well as the politicians alike.

Old customs, fallen largely into disuse, can be revived and given new life and breath.

Selfishness, greed, apathy and complacency weakens the spirit of Patriotism, which in turn, gives Communism a chance to stick its foot in our door.

Help fight this Red menace by displaying our Flag on every National Holiday and remind ourselves, friends and neighbors, that this Flag is the symbol of our American principles of Justice, Freedom and Democracy.



An Open Letter To All Fathers on Father's Day

Dear Sirs:

Most all of us are well aware that this coming Sunday is Father's Day. This is the one day of the year that we are supposed to be treated like a "King"—in our own household at least!

This is all very fine and comes as sort of a climax after celebrating "Mother's Day" and "Children's Day". But how about our thoughts on "Father's Day"?

Are we accepting our responsibilities as head of the house? Are we receiving the co-operation of the rest of the family in carrying out these responsibilities or are we regarding them as almost "a lost cause?"

Have we stopped to think of the huge debt we are endowing our children with in the future from all the services we are asking from our Local, State and Federal Government?

Are we making sure that our children are being brought up with a correct sense of moral virtues and an idea of financial responsibility? Are we setting the example that we would like to see them follow?

Are we teaching them what it means to be an American? What the American Flag means and stands for? Have we taught them what "Flag Etiquette" means and the respect that should be displayed when the Flag goes marching by or when "The Star Spangled Banner" is played?

Last Friday evening we attended the Stock Car Races at Angelica Raceway and were shocked at the public observance when the "Star Spangled Banner" was played.

It is true that the noise in the stands abated somewhat and many people stood at attention and faced the source of music while it was being played, but how about the many others that ignored the stirring music and kept up their own private conversations?

"The Star Spangled Banner" is the symbol of our great heritage from our forefathers, of the freedoms and principles of our Republic, liberties we have defended regardless of the most in lives and treasure.

It is the symbol of justice and equality before the law, as pledged by our children the year round when they repeat the oath of allegiance to the flag, "One Nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Yet, right beside me, stood a father with his two children trying to ask "Dick" and myself something about the races when we stood at attention while the "Star Spangled Banner" was being played.

Was it thru ignorance, lack of attention, discourtesy, or just plain indifference?

This Father's Day lets examine our consciences, search our souls and ask ourselves if we are negligent in any of the above mentioned ways, and then make a pledge to see to it that these deficiencies are corrected!

Father belongs at the head of the home—let's see that he is kept there!

Signed: Editor

Hann Reunion

The 44th Annual Reunion of The Hann Family will be held Sunday, June 16th, 1963 at Island Park in Wellsville, N. Y.

Dinner at 1 P. M. Coffee, Meat Ice Cream and Lemonade will be provided. Bring your own dishes and a dish to pass.

Please try to attend. If there isn't a crowd this Reunion will be discontinued.

MARGARET WOOD, Secretary

Elm Valley Cemetery Improvement Association

The Elm Valley Cemetery Improvement Association will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Burdick, Thursday evening, June 20th at 8 o'clock, for election of directors and such other business that may come before the meeting.

DOROTHY BURDICK, Sec.

Doctor Quiddity

A Public Service Health Message

MEDICAL SOCIETY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

OUR ESOPHAGUS (OR GULLET) IS NOT JUST A DO-NOTHING PIPE CONNECTING THE MOUTH AND STOMACH... IT'S A TUBE MADE OF MUSCLE.

FOOD DOESN'T JUST DROP INTO THE STOMACH BY PLOP!

GRAVITY...

THE FOOD IS SQUEEZED ALONG THE ESOPHAGUS—THIS IS WHY WE CAN SWALLOW WHILE UPSIDE-DOWN....



Turning Back The Pages of Andover History

(Taken from the Files of The Andover News)

50 YEARS AGO

June 1, 1913

J. H. Backus, Publisher

Edwin Everitt died at his home on Greenwood Street Tuesday, June 1st. Funeral services were held Thursday with burial in Independence.

Edward Joyce of Port Allegany was called to Andover Monday by the serious illness of his sister, Mrs. John Dean.

E. R. Crandall is a business visitor in Syracuse this week.

Mrs. J. L. Williams is a surgical patient in the St. James Mercy Hospital in Hornell.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cochrane, and son of Horseheads are guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Cochrane.

Mrs. Mildred Skaehill of Port Allegany was called to Andover this week by the illness of her mother, Mrs. Julia Carpenter.

Rev. and Mrs. F. M. Baker was

Andover Police Report

R. C. Drummond, Dunkirk, N. Y. Speeding. Pled guilty, paid \$10.00 fine.

Nolan A. Lovejoy, Rochester, N. Y. Speeding. Pled guilty, paid \$10.00 fine.

John Clifford Jr., Bradford, Pa. Speeding. Forfeited \$10.00 bail.

Rhonda E. Smith, Buffalo, N. Y. Speeding. Pled guilty, paid \$10.00 fine.

Ray N. Martin, Cleveland, Ohio. Speeding. Pled guilty, paid \$10.00 fine.

Roy McCandless, Briarcliff, N. Y. Speeding. Pled guilty, paid \$10.00 fine.

Charles H. Draper, Moravia, N. Y. Speeding. Pled guilty, paid \$10.00 fine.

Benjamin S. Zodikoff, Binghamton, N. Y. Speeding. Pled guilty, paid \$10.00 fine.

Eugene A. Thacker, Canandaigua, N. Y. Speeding. Pled guilty, paid \$10.00 fine.

John L. Banney, Rochester, N. Y. Speeding. Pled guilty, paid \$10.00 fine.

Stephen X. Giunta, Olean, N. Y. Speeding. Pled guilty, paid \$15.00 fine.

Robert K. Appleby, Ledgewood, N. J. Speeding. Forfeited \$10.00 bail.

Ronald Pifer, Brockway, Pa. Speeding. Forfeited \$10.00 bail.

F. L. MURDAUGH, Chief of Police

in Whitesville Memorial Day, where Rev. Baker was the Memorial Day speaker.

Winifred Jones left Sunday for Jamestown where he is to be employed by the Eastern Union Telegraph Co.

Clayton Bennett left Thursday for a few days visit with friends in Canisteo.

40 YEARS AGO

June 1, 1923

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Mr. and Mrs. Burrell Fuller are the parents of a daughter, born May 30th.

Fire destroyed the Murray Cheese Factory on Greenwood Hill Sunday.

Rev. H. D. Bacon and son, John of Portville were guests of Andover friends Tuesday and Wednesday.

Curtis Burdick accompanied by Sherman Hurd of Wellsville left Sunday to attend the Shriner's Convention in Washington, D. C.

Miss Margaret Dougherty is spending the week-end in Buffalo and Niagara Falls, guest of her brother, Anthony Dougherty.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Gilbert were week-end guests of their daughter, Mrs. R. J. Wellington of Machias.

Mrs. Hattie Eggleston arrived in Andover Monday from Ontario, California.

30 YEARS AGO

June 2, 1933

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Mr. and Mrs. Charles Updyke observed their 50th wedding anniversary Tuesday, May 30th.

Mrs. Mable Gardner Nye, 30, died Tuesday, May 30, from an attack of pneumonia. Her husband (a son, a daughter, her mother and two sisters survive.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Nobles have moved to Towanda, Pa., where Mr. Nobles is employed in a silk mill.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Haist have moved to Andover from Buffalo and are occupying the apartment over the H. H. Williams Store. Mr. Haist will assist in the Williams Store.

Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Aiken and daughter, Mrs. Brownell and children have returned to their home on Pleasant Ave., after spending the winter in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Menzo Burdick, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Carr and Miss Marjory Bergman motored to Rochester Sunday guests at the home of their brother, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Burdick.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Greggs and sons and Mrs. Sylvania Whitcomb and son, Donald of Corning were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Rogers.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hann and daughter were week-end guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Hann.

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